

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD MEETING MINUTES

Wethersfield Library Board Minutes of January 26, 2016

Members present: Joe Aguiar, Dorene Ciarcia, Martha Conneely, Peter Denegre, Mary Frazeur, George Kelly, Laila Mandour, Terry Santapaola

Members excused:
Hannah Greenfield

Others: Brook Berry, Library Director
Julie Konopka, Friends of Wethersfield Library
Amy Bello, Town Council Liaison
Jeff Bridges, Town Manager
Stephanie Askeland, Town Human Relations Manager

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dorene Ciarcia called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Martha Conneely moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting, as amended. Mary Freezer seconded. A correction was noted. All voted in favor of approving the minutes as corrected, except Peter Denegre, Laila Mandour and Terry Santapaola, who abstained.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Julie Konopka reported that the spring book sale will be held April 30 and May 1. Once again there will be an evening preview on April 28.

COUNCIL LIAISON

Amy Bello reported on her activities as a member of the Council and expressed her interest in working with the Board as Council Liaison.

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dorene reviewed the discussion about fund raising at the Library Retreat and reported on the subsequent meeting of the Outreach Committee to begin to follow up on the ideas discussed.

Dorene also discussed upcoming dates of interest, and outlined the upcoming budget process.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brook discussed the current status of the budget and the plans for developing the new budget. This will be discussed further at the meeting of the Finance Committee in February.

Brook also reviewed the November statistical report and highlighted several portions of her November and December reports to the Board. The Library held a series of successful events over the December school vacation period.

Discussions about the proposed renovation included an explanation of the process for selecting an architect as a result of the recently-issued RFQ.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

As reported above, the Outreach Committee has discussed potential fundraising efforts.

The Finance Committee will meet in February and focus on the budget process. There will also be a meeting with the Board's financial advisor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Peter Denegre to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations. Jeff Bridges, Stephanie Askeland and Amy Bello were invited to join the executive session. Laila Mandour seconded. All voted in favor. The Board entered executive session at 7:51 and came out of executive session at 8:12.

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Santapaola moved to adjourn. Joe Aguiar seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting

adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
George Kelly, Secretary.